

STAGE ROBBERY IN MONTANA

First One Occurred in 1863 and Created Great Excitement. Ways of the Pioneer Highwaymen. Fifteen Thousand Dollars Taken from the Passengers on the Coach into Bannock - Successful Search for the Gold Dust.

"I have just finished reading the story of the first vigilante execution, as printed in the Anaconda Standard," said a white-haired pioneer who dropped into the northern Montana office of the Standard at Great Falls and told his story. "And it's a straight story from start to finish. I was living in southern Montana on those exciting days, and to read all about those early events now when I am an old man makes me feel young again. It's a good deal like history and I could read many of those stories over a dozen times over."

Everybody liked him and they were interested in what is now the proud and prosperous state of Montana, did you? Well, I'll tell you, but I guess the incident occurred when you were a child. The first stage robbery was an intellectual brilliancy on newspaper work, eh?

"Let me see, it was back in '63—over a third of a century ago—that the first stage holdup took place. I tell you the robbery created a great excitement. I was a young man and a miner in those days and had arrived in Virginia City the year previous. The holdup was organized and I was one of the men who saw a pile of the good work that organization accomplished. Nowadays we don't hear much about it and I don't know much about it, but I remember the men who were the 'early stringers'—but I tell you they did some good work, and of its living members the state should not be proud. The robbery was a law and order out of chaos and hell itself."

"Now, about that first stage robbery. Nobody in those days ever thought seriously of a robbery. It was just a robbery. I don't detect or catch men in crooked work in these days. In the fall of '62, I took it as a man named Caldwell—no, I don't know of it. It was a robbery on the route between Virginia City and Bannock, as that was the most feasible route out of the country then. Business was good and stages were every other day. The route was from Virginia City were then booming and hardly a trip was made unless on board was some miner with a stake of gold dust. But nothing ever happened."

"In Virginia City at that time was a fellow named Dan McFadden, a royal gold fever, more familiarly known as 'Bummer Dan'. He was a man who had almost anything he wanted in the camp. Dan was a prospector and during his stay in Virginia had made two or three strikes and had a few hundred dollars. He was a man who lavished favors generously and no matter how much of the yellow metal he harvested from the sluice box it all went and a few months later Dan was back in Virginia City for another grubstake. He was industrious, though, and after his jobifications returned to work honest of the future."

"BUMMER DAN'S GREAT STRIKE. "It was after a rich strike in the fall of 1862 that, in following spring, Dan found himself broke and thrown on the chilly mercies of a frigid world. Bill Manning took him in tow and soon Dan was prospecting again with a good grubstake. He was rolled around, when one morning the camp was electrified with the announcement that 'Bummer Dan' had made the strike of his life—and the prospectors of the Dan reached town the next day and confirmed the news. He had struck rich pay dirt and was headed for Salt Lake was the goal for the good grubstake. He was a claim in gold dust and after weighing out \$2,500, which he gave to Manning, Dan quit the camp and went to what was then called the 'Bannock ranch' located a few miles out of Virginia City. He now brings us to the thrilling features of the story."

"It was on the morning of October 23, 1863, the stage coach left from the hotel and two passengers for Bannock got aboard. Caldwell was sick that day and had lugged a fellow named Bill Rumsey to drive for him that trip. About 9 o'clock the stage was at a wide leather belt, to which, underneath his shirt, was attached four sacks of gold dust. Outside on either hip was buckled two navy revolvers and a pair of pistols. There were a dozen cartridges. Dan climbed on and the stage coach rolled away until Rattlesnake creek was reached. This point was a change of location, and the stage was stopped. Rumsey found that all the extra horses had strayed away, and the coach was obliged to remain there over night. All night long Rumsey was on guard, but he was not successful, and in the morning the old stock were hitched up and the journey continued. The forenoon passed and the three horses were well on their way, and although the whip was vigorously applied, they could not be urged beyond a walk. About 1 o'clock the coach entered a narrow gulch containing only a few trees and a brook of a hill. Just as the wagon was opposite two riders, with blankets over their heads and shotguns ready for action, rode swiftly up."

"WORK OF THE ROAD AGENTS. "Look out, boys; road agents are coming; hide your dust!" cried Rumsey from his seat, as he tried to urge his worn-out horses on. "That's all right, but your hands!" came the order, and two shotguns were leveled at Rumsey. He stopped, and a moment later was ordered to come down from his seat, and the passengers were ordered up in the seat vacated, to watch the team."

"Now go through the pockets of the passengers and take the gold around. The order to Rumsey, who, with a shotgun at his head, obeyed instructions. Guns were taken off and piled up first. The pockets were gone through and a total of \$12,000 to \$15,000 lay on the ground beside the coach. "That's all," said Rumsey, as he completed the imposed task. But the thieves were not satisfied. "There's nothing more on you?" was asked of the man who was holding the horse. The lid dropped, and the fellow howled: "Don't shoot, don't shoot. Yes, I have money. Rumsey was ordered to make another search all around."

"From 'Bummer Dan' he had taken but one small sack, and protested that he could find no more. Search 'Bummer Dan' he exclaimed the robber chief; 'he's the man we want to see today. Dan was again searched, and Rumsey was obliged to pile up two more of his sacks. With this the robbers were satisfied, and after ordering the coach to proceed, threatened death if caught was said, and with \$15,000 gone."

"Bannock was reached that evening, when Dan found that he had just left \$9,000 with the road agents. Bill Burton, one of the other passengers, left about \$1,000 and all the highwaymen got about \$15,000. When Dan reached Helena, in reciting the incident, he said: 'Well, I've played a whole lot, but never got such a short run for my money before.'"

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE WHITMAN PARTY AT AN ADVANCED AGE.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Mary R. Walker, aged 85 years, 8 months and 4 days, who died in this city a few days ago, was the last of the band which were connected with the Whitman mission and at the time of her death had been on this coast longer than any other person who ever lived here. She was born in Massachusetts, having been born fifty-nine years ago. She was educated at the Maine Wesleyan seminary at Portland, Me., where she was married to Rev. E. H. Walker, March 5, 1833, and started the next day on her bridal tour, which meant a trip across the continent on horseback. The party consisted of Miss Ann Walla Walla. They rested until the next spring, then resumed their journey to Walker's prairie, near the Spokane river, where they remained for several months. She was ready to receive her bridegroom. There she remained until after the Whitman massacre in 1847, when it became unsafe to stay there longer, and so she removed to the Willamette valley, living at Oregon City for two years and at Forest Grove for the last forty-seven.

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THEY HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH

Riders in the Bicycle Race Say They Will Enter Another Contest. AS A RULE THEY ARE ALL FEELING WELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—So much discussion has been aroused by the relative receipts of the managers and the contestants in the late six-day bicycle race that it has been decided that every man that finished will receive a purse. In addition to those who finished who will receive prizes in Riviere, the Frenchman, who as tenth man, notwithstanding the fact that he had been off the track more than a full day and night, comes within the list of prize winners, there being eleven prizes on the list. Charles W. Miller, the winner of the race, spent the night at a Turkish bath and when he reached the Bartholdi hotel today he looked well. He felt in good condition, he said, and that he was fit to ride another six days' race. He certainly did not look like a man who had gone through the terrible ordeal of working 128 hours and sleeping only four hours in the six days just past. His eyes were bright, and he said he was not in the least exhausted. Regarding his plans for the future, he declared he had none, but smilingly announced that he had received a proposition for a two weeks' engagement to ride three miles nightly on a "home trainer" in a vaudeville house in this city. RICE MAY RIDE AGAIN. Joe Rice, the Wilkes-Barre representative who is widely known to be just far enough behind the leader to win the second prize, was found at a hotel stretched on a sofa, reading a newspaper. He was holding a little levee at the time. "Oh, I am first-class, thank you," he said. "I went right to bed after a good Turkish bath, and woke up at 10 o'clock this morning. Then I ate a hearty breakfast on my usual corned beef and cabbage, and I feel fine. I don't care to say whether or not I shall enter another six-day contest. It all depends. If things seem to come my way I will ride, unless it is to go back to work. I don't care to go back on me. I did no riding of any account until Thursday, but I am not kicking." Miller, the third man, who, like Miller, hails from Chicago, did not have much to say, except that he was feeling well and that he would race again at the first opportunity. Teddy Hale is laboring under the same trouble that affected him last year. He has almost lost his voice. But he looks to be in good shape, and he says he is fit to ride the scale at 154, his weight at the start. All he complained of in the race was that he hurt his knee in a fall during the early part of it, and was much bothered by the injuries. Hale may start for home on Wednesday, he says, unless he decides to enter the six-day race at St. Louis in February. GETTING TOO OLD. Golden said: "I am getting old now. No more six-day races for me. We old fellows are dead now. The youngsters are too much for us." Julius, the little Swedish rider, declared: "Next time I go in I'll make them all see that I am in all right. Don't be afraid." Entering the young men of all the contestants, was resting at his home, but said he was not used up at all. Harry Riles spent most of the day in sleeping, and was up for a long walk in the morning. He will spend his time in getting in trim for long distance contests. The others who finished are in satisfactory condition. Manager Bunnet had considerable to say regarding the two Frenchmen, Reviers and Stephan. He even went so far as to declare that to foreigner had a fair chance in this country against the Americans, claiming on this score that the men were in the race simply to pace some of the Americans. As to Rev. Verrier's condition he said that the Frenchman's leg was in bad shape, but that otherwise he was all right. Stepper's complaint was in reference to the springing of the had been done by the exhibition riders during the contest.

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accomplished by tomorrow, when the prizes will be distributed. One important result of the race will probably be a stringent restrictive measure on some distance racing by the League of American Wheelmen. Hitherto these events have been conducted under the sanction of the league, but A. C. Cressy Morrison, vice president of that organization, declares that he will prepare and present at the next national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen an amendment covering the point as to whether or not it will prevent any possible countenance of such an event in the future. Mr. Morrison declares that from every point of view the six-day bicycle race should be condemned; that it is an inhuman and health-destroying institution.

Foot Race Billed for Today. W. C. otherwise "Red," Ross of Council Bluffs and W. H. Copple of Bancroft will have it out on the old fair grounds this afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock, to see which is the better. "That is accurate," the distance is to be 100 yards. The race will be run under Sheffield rules and will include the "K" race. The winner will be timekeeper, referee, stakeholder and every other official. This interstate athletic event will be a very near ten-second man and Ross floor of the new harness and horse show has been posted with Bandle and there is said to be more money on the side on the result.

Stumps from the Memphis Bridge. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 12.—William Kearney, professional diver and athlete, leaped from the railing of the big cantilever bridge between this city and West Memphis into the Mississippi river, and swam to the shore, unharmed, at 2:30 this afternoon. The feat was witnessed by a crowd of 2,000 people.

South Omaha News. Very little work was done at the Armour site yesterday, a small force only being engaged in laying out stumps on the foundations of the hog raising house. The second floor of the hog cooler house has been laid, although the walls are up only to the height of the first floor. The contractors, Rochford & Gould, spent yesterday forenoon on the ground laying out the work for today and inspecting work on the hog cooler house. It is stated that unless the weather was too stormy quite a number of bricklayers would be put to work this morning running the walls up. It was stated that as soon as the building were out of the ground rapid progress could be made, the proper laying of the foundations, it is claimed, consumes a great deal of time. Five chimneys at an end of the hog cooler house have been removed. The contractors claim that the work is progressing as rapidly as could be expected.

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Out at Seymour lake the Cudahys are employing about fifty men in remodeling and enlarging the ice houses. More contractors are needed on this work and those seeking employment can be accommodated by applying to the company's office at the new plant. There is some work being done on the new exchange building yesterday and it is asserted that these buildings are being pushed as rapidly as could be expected under the existing circumstances.

Protectors of Live Stock Shippers. It reported in railroad circles that officers of the Union Pacific intend paying some attention to the protests of live stock shippers in relation to delays while en route. It is claimed by shippers that stock trains are being held up by freight trains, thus lengthening the number of hours stock is compelled to remain in cars. In shipping stock there is considerable shrinkage which is due to the fact that the stock is packed in crates and that if stock trains bound for the market were hurried through shippers would save large sums of money in the course of a year.

In connection with this and other wrongs alleged by cattlemen, W. R. Thurber, a well known shipper of Ore. Neb., is just now circulating the subject of organizing a stock shippers' protective association. Mr. Thurber considers this a good time to act such a matter in motion, as there are a number of questions of great importance to shippers to be considered. Among the wrongs which Mr. Thurber claims should be righted is the additional charge for mixed loads. He says that a barrel of water at all times to make out a full load of cattle.

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accomplished by tomorrow, when the prizes will be distributed. One important result of the race will probably be a stringent restrictive measure on some distance racing by the League of American Wheelmen. Hitherto these events have been conducted under the sanction of the league, but A. C. Cressy Morrison, vice president of that organization, declares that he will prepare and present at the next national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen an amendment covering the point as to whether or not it will prevent any possible countenance of such an event in the future. Mr. Morrison declares that from every point of view the six-day bicycle race should be condemned; that it is an inhuman and health-destroying institution.

Foot Race Billed for Today. W. C. otherwise "Red," Ross of Council Bluffs and W. H. Copple of Bancroft will have it out on the old fair grounds this afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock, to see which is the better. "That is accurate," the distance is to be 100 yards. The race will be run under Sheffield rules and will include the "K" race. The winner will be timekeeper, referee, stakeholder and every other official. This interstate athletic event will be a very near ten-second man and Ross floor of the new harness and horse show has been posted with Bandle and there is said to be more money on the side on the result.

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